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A PERSONAL LETTER

Dear Subscriber:

You may be one of the long continued and long suffering individuals who has kept your interest in The Pacific through its varied history and do it now because of habit or sentiment. Possibly you are one of those who handed two-bits to your minister when he asked you to help him get a respectable list. It is barely possible that you have been receiving it because some one else has been paying for it.

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For the past few months we have been running over our budget for this organ. Your cooperation is greatly desired that we may collect from those overdue and get twice as many in The Pacific family as we now have, which at the last reckoning was fourteen hundred and thirty-five.

Yours sincerely,
THE PUBLISHER.

ANNUAL MEETING W. B. M. P.

The 52nd annual meeting of Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific was held September 1st and 2nd at Plymouth Church and First Church Berkeley.

It was opened with greetings by the President, Mrs. Robert Carter Kirkwood. Among the speakers were Mrs. A. P. Peck, Mrs. George W. Hinman, Miss Isabel Wong of Foochow, China, known as "Loving Righteousness," Mrs. Ernest A. Evans, Miss Julia Wagner of Mazatlan, Rev. John C. Prince, Dr. Josephine Kennedy of Shaowu, Mrs. Charles A. Kofoid, Mrs. Helen S. Ranney, Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Mrs. James A. Lash, Rev. Jerome Holmes, Mrs. Parker S. Maddux, Mrs. Edward Gaylord, Mrs. W. W. Ferrier.

On Tuesday evening Dr. Carl Patton of Los Angeles gave a most interesting paper on: "Is the Brotherhood of Man a Biological Heresy."

The music was in charge of Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon.

MODOC ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of Modoc Association was held at Adin, California, September 7-8.

The pastor, Rev. N. F. Manderson, has been but a few months in the field but is getting the work in fine shape. Rev. J. R. Shoemaker, the Moderator, is the dean of ministers in the extensive parish of Modoc County. Congregationalism is the dominant religion there. The theme was "Service." Addresses were given by Rev. S. C. Carson, Rev. N. F. Manderson, Mrs. Nellie Shoemaker, Rev. Jerome C. Holmes and Superintendent Minchin. All three churches are supplied and mission work carried on from the centers, namely, Adin, Alturas and Fort Bidwell.

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For six years the Northern California Congregational Conference has held its annual meeting at Asilomar. The period has usually been that of a week. Each succeeding year has increased the value of such gathering. It is now an established institution. A unanimous vote was taken for the continuance, the date however and the details being left to a committee.

For the first time in these meetings, there were arrangements made for the meeting of Young People. Under the direction of the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's work, a program was made for simultaneous meetings, with certain sessions being of joint character. During the vacation months the Conference had Irwin Addicott in the field to interest Young People in the Conference with the result that we had 83 registrations in that group. Our estimates had run from fifty to one hundred. Our faith was well rewarded.

Programs of both departments were of more than ordinary character, as to instruction and inspiration. It would be difficult for us to single out the high spots of the most popular speakers. Suffice to say every one did his best. The utterances made from platform and classroom seemed to be greater than the personalities of the speakers, good as they were. Most of the delegates returned with a new spiritual vision. Some of the young people caught the fire of the new religious urge that controls us. All were impressed with the wonderful opportunity the church has in the great ministry of music when led by one whose whole soul is expressed in directing it along lines of spiritual possibility.

The attendance at the adult conference was not as large as at the October meetings but the spirit was even better. Some meetings have run smoother because no readjustments were necessary to the welfare of the program. The demand for cooperation was wholesome experience, and we are all the better for being thrown together.

The Conference at Asilomar is indeed an institution. Its spirit is a blessing and its fellowship memorable. During the week fellowship was more than an ideal, religion something other than a program. Class work became a pleasure and worship a great delight. The 1925 Conference goes into history that will be filed in certain archives; its ideals and spirit however go into minds and hearts that will live ever more.

FALL MEETING BAY ASSOCIATION

The Fruitvale Church will entertain the Bay Association for its fall meeting. This will be held September 15th, afternoon and evening. The program will be an exhibit of the Pacific School of Religion, in that it is being made to include Faculty, Students and friends of the school. The only other features will be the business meeting and the presentation of the plans for our annual Every Member Canvass. This Canvass will take place as usual, the second week in December, but we will have as a preliminary event, a visitation of a missionary team of five during the weeks of September 27th to October 11th; this visitation to be for the purpose of education and inspiration. It is hoped that a large attendance of friends of the churches, as well as delegates, will be at this Fruitvale meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

The outlook is exceedingly good for a large delegation from Northern California to the National Council in Washington, D. C., October 19-28. The number of delegates from the Northern California Conference is limited to 15, but upward of 25 are planning to attend from this district. We are printing below the names of those who are planning to attend. We would be interested to know if there are others who are planning the trip and wish to say that we have information concerning railroad rates that will be of interest to any who wish to make inquiry here.

It would be an interesting thing for the churches to ask these representatives from the different churches to be prepared to make report on their return. There are great problems that are to come before the Council and there will be lively discussion over the matters of merger. In the interest of a well-organized work here on the coast we appreciate the attendance of so many that they may bring us first hand report of all that transpires.

Dr. and Mrs. George W. Hinman.
Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Swartz.
Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kloss.
Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Giffen.
Miss Nellie Denman.
Miss Catherine Denman.
Rev. H. V. White.
Rev. Cornelius Richert.
Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Papazian.
Rev. J. R. Shoemaker.
Dr. L. L. Wirt.
Mrs. H. S. Ranney.
Rev. T. Davis Preston.
Rev. Clarence H. Stevens.
Mrs. R. C. Kirkwood.
Mrs. J. R. Curry.
Mrs. A. P. Peck and her sister, Mrs. Hurd.
Mrs. David H. Dexter.

The Baltimore & Ohio R. R. is running a special train from Chicago to Washington, which will leave Chicago on the 19th, about 11 a. m. Reservations should be made through Rev. George T. McCollom, D. D., 19 So. La Salle St., Chicago.

MISSIONARY TEAM TOURS CONFERENCE

The unique and added feature in the work of the Every Member Canvass this year will be the visit of a team of speakers on missionary subjects, sent forth for the purposes of education and inspiration. The National Council provides two of the speakers, Secretary Jerome C. Holmes of the American Board and Dr. F. W. Hodgdon of the Ministerial Boards; one to speak for the foreign work and the other for the home work. In addition, there will be a woman, a pastor and a layman—these will be chosen from some adjacent territory.

The working unit for these visits will be the Association. Committees have been chosen from each Association to set up the visitation in a given center and get delegates in from the adjoining churches. The dates are to be September 27th to October 11th and the points to be visited are listed below:

Bay Association, Sept. 27.

Santa Clara Association—San Jose, Sept. 29; Redwood City, Sept. 30.

Upper Bay Association—Martinez, Oct. 1.

Sonoma Association—Santa Rosa and Cloverdale, Oct. 2.

Sacramento Association—Sacramento, Oct. 4 and 5.

Central Association—Stockton, Oct. 6.

San Joaquin Association—Fresno, Oct. 7.

Bay Association, Oct. 8, 9 and 10.

Provision has been made for financing one auto from each church to the center at six cents per mile traveled, coming and going. It is hoped that key people will be chosen who can carry home the information and inspiration.

There is no objection to as many attending these sessions as wish to do so at their own charges. It is earnestly desired that the entertaining church will turn out in large numbers to hear the inspirational addresses.

Further information can be obtained by writing the Superintendent of the Conference.

GOD SPEED THE MISSIONARIES

The annual farewell to missionaries was held at the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, August 21st. Tables were set for 150, many coming from outside the Bay district. Addresses were given by Miss Isabelle McCausland of Kobe College, Rev. John S. Porter of Prague, Dr. Watts O. Pye of Fenchow, China, and Rev. Emory D. Alvord of Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

We missed Dr. Kelsey from the gathering but sent greetings to him with prayer for his recovery. The following missionaries were present and signed their names to a letter sent to Dr. Kelsey:

Leona L. Burr, Shaowu, Fukien.
Leonard J. Christian, Foochow, China.
Agnes M. Christian, Foochow, China.
Edward L. Bliss, Shaowu, China.
John S. Porter, Prague Czechoslovakia.
Isabelle McCausland, Kobe, Japan.
Gertrude C. Pye, Kobe College.
Watts O. Pye, Fenchow Shanu.
Emory D. Alvord, Mt. Silinda, So. Rhodesia, Africa.
Evelyn Mae Boyd, Kobe College, Kobe, Japan.
Mabel Irene Durland, Kobe College, Kobe, Japan.
Alice E. Murphy, Lintsing, Shantung, China.
Eleanor Wilson, Matsuyama, Japan.
Berenice M. Alvord, Mt. Silinda, So. Rhodesia.

NEW LITERATURE

The new literature for the Every Member Canvass is expected daily. Samples of it will be sent to pastors soon after its arrival. If there are others who would like such literature, we will be delighted to supply them promptly. The success of any canvass is a full knowledge of both local and benevolence needs. We have other literature covering devotional and missionary interests. Apply to the Conference office.

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Preacher for 1926
Rev. Hugh V. White
Alternate: Rev. Harry S. McCready

Committees of the Conference

Visitors to the Pacific School of Religion: Rev. Robert E. Brown, Rev. C. L. Kloss, Rev. Godfrey Matthews.

Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work—Rev. Miles B. Fisher, Rev. F. W. Morrison, Mrs. George W. Hinman, Rev. W. B. Thorp, Mrs. Andrew Hansen, Rev. R. C. Waddell, Fred Morrow, Mrs. Chas. G. Hyde.

Religious Work at the University of California—Prof. Charles E. Rugh, Rev. Miles B. Fisher, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Mr. C. G. Hyde, Rev. C. F. Clarke.

Representative to the State Christian Endeavor Meeting—Rev. Harvey V. Miller.

Delegates to the Southern California Conference—Rev. Jerome C. Holmes, Rev. William J. Minchin.

Members of National Council—Rev. L. L. Wirt (1927), Rev. H. F. Swartz (1929), alternate, Mrs. David A. Curry.

Delegate to State Church Federation—Rev. William J. Minchin.

Representatives to Anti-Saloon League—Mr. James M. Hyde, Rev. Henry Stauffer.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED AT CONFERENCE

1. The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE expresses its interest in and approval of the work and plans of the State Church Federation, and directs its Board of Trustees to take some action looking toward financial support.

Moved adoption. Carried.

2. The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE assembled at Asilomar in July, 1925, expresses its gratitude to the management of the Y. W. C. A. grounds,—to the Stuck-Ups and the Pirates, and to all who have helped to make our meeting one of joy and profit.

We express our interest in the enlargement and improvement of the Conference equipment and commend this endeavor to our friends who may be able and willing to assist.

Moved adoption. Carried.

3. Resolved that the CONFERENCE express its hearty appreciation of the response which the Congregational Education Society has made to our request for expert assistance in religious education and young people's work in sending Rev. John C. Prince to us and providing his salary.

RESOLVED that we designate Mr. Prince as our Director of Religious Education and Young People's Work, that while we recognize that his primary responsibility is to the Education Society, we invite him to present a report of his work to the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee of the Conference, and we tender him the assistance of the Committee on Education and Young People's Work as his advisory cabinet.

Moved adoption. Carried.

4. The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE expresses to the California State Board of Education its earnest hope that the Board will remain firm in its evident intention to preserve to the children of California the right to study in the public schools books that set forth present day scientific truth. We hold that science is no foe to religion; that a study of the facts about evolution and theories as to its causes need rob no person of his Christian faith. We believe in the right of children to learn the truth. We crave for informed and honest teachers the continued right to interpret the truth as they understand it.

Moved adoption. Carried.

5. RESOLVED: That we view with earnest approval the consistent policy of President Coolidge in cultivating friendly relations with neighboring nations, his abhorrence of war, his wisdom in including the Army and Navy budgets in his program of National economy, and his earnest efforts to prepare the way of peace before all nations.

RESOLVED: That we approve the Chicago plan for World Peace, in that it makes provision for America's adherence to the protocol of the Permanent Court of International Justice, the codification of International Law, and the assembling of an International Conference for the purpose of declaring war a crime before the nations.

RESOLVED: That we commend the crusade for world peace in which Dr. L. L. Wirt, Western Secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, is engaged. We bespeak the cordial co-operation of our pastors and churches in his effort to arouse in the people of our communities a deeper and more intelligent interest in the causes and cure of war.

Motion adopted.

6. The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, having been informed that there is a practical interest in Church union being mutually expressed among Universalists and Congregationalists, desires to declare its lively interest in this movement and its devout hope for an early and complete consummation of such union both in national organization and in local congregations. To this end be it

RESOLVED: That this Conference at its annual meeting held at Asilomar, August 1st, 1925, instructs its delegates to the National Council meeting in Washington in October, to voice our hearty endorsement of this movement, and further that as a practical means we petition the National Council to appoint as promptly as possible a special commission of Fellowship with the Universalist Churches.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

WHEREAS: The right of parents to provide adequate religious instruction for their children has been reasserted by the Federal Supreme Court, and

WHEREAS: The schedule and curriculum of the tax supported schools so thoroughly command the working time and strength of the youth who attend them that additional study work cannot wisely be expected of these children, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the Northern California Conference of Congregational Churches, expressly desire of the members of the legislature that they at the next session empower the local school authorities to excuse children on the written request of parents to attend week day schools of religion not to exceed ninety minutes a week.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. We find that our representatives to the Anti-Saloon League have only had a place on the committee that has met once during the past year. In our opinion this is not effective representation in the affairs of the League. We recommend that the Conference request that one or both of our representatives be seated on the committee that meets monthly at the headquarters of the League.

2. We find that the crisis in Prohibition has now shifted from law making to law enforcement. We believe that the center of emphasis in the activities of the League should be modified accordingly. We recommend that this Conference urge the League to make one of its major activities the fostering of county organizations to insist upon adequate enforcement of the Wright Act in their localities.

3. We direct the Moderator and Scribe of this session to communicate these recommendations to the officials of the League without delay.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

1. That pastors make the widest possible use of the exceptionally fine literature furnished by the National Committee on Evangelism and the Devotional Life. The editors of many daily papers are printing the daily readings of the Fellowship of Prayer, during the Lenten period. This fact indicates a marked change of sentiment regarding the place of religion in life.

2. That we as pastors give ourselves with new earnestness to the supreme task of presenting Jesus and His way of life, with a view to securing immediate decisions for Him. Urgent as is the need for law enforcement, improved methods of religious education, and moral reforms, these all wait for the appearance of men and women who have looked into the face of Jesus and have definitely called him Lord. The chief business of any pastor and layman is to win disciples.

3. That the Board of Directors be asked to employ a Conference Evangelist, who shall be under the direction of the State Superintendent, who shall devote his time to the weaker churches, and whose salary shall be guaranteed by the Directors with the understanding that it will be largely or entirely provided by the churches he may serve.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

MAY WE BE SIMILARLY BLESSED

CHICAGO, Aug. 25 (I. N. S.)—Victor Fremont Lawson bequeathed the bulk of his enormous estate, including the Chicago Daily News, to benevolent purposes. The will was made public today showing that practically three-quarters of the estate goes to carefully selected benevolent enterprises.

The Illinois Merchants Trust Company is named as trustee of the estate with full power of management of all properties. Under this clause the profits of the newspaper will be devoted to benevolent purposes. The present management and policy of the Daily News is to be continued.

There are in the will special bequests in the total amount of $4,775,000, more than one-half of which—$2,505,000—goes to benevolent purposes. Three-quarters of the residuary estate goes in equal parts to three agencies for good work. They are the Chicago Congregational Missionary and Extension Society, which in addition receives a specific bequest of $1,500,000; the Chicago Theological Seminary, which has also a specific bequest of $100,000, and the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, which has a specific bequest of $100,000. The remaining one-quarter of the residuary estate goes to the decedent's brother, Iver M. Lawson, who also receives a specific bequest of $200,000 and the income of a trust fund of $300,000. Thus he is the chief individual beneficiary under the will.

FIRST CHURCH DEDICATES

By the time this paper goes to press, First Church, Berkeley, will be well along in its program of dedication. The first services were held August 30th, with a sermon in the morning by Dr. McCall and an address of reminiscent character by Dr. David Starr Jordan in the evening. The Church was filled to capacity at both services,

On Thursday, September 3rd, there was the unveiling of Philo Mills Memorial Window, with an address by Dr. J. W. Buckham, followed by a description of the church by Horace G. Simpson, the architect, and Charles W. Brock, chairman of the building committee.

On Sunday, September 6th, Dr. McCall preached at both services, with Communion and reception of members in the morning. On Friday, September 11th, there was an Organ Recital by Mr. Clarence Eddy.

These exercises will continue through the month of September. On Sunday, September 13th, at 11 a. m., there will be a pageant entitled "Through the Ages," under the direction of Dr. Miles B. Fisher, followed by a sermon by Dr. McCall. This Sunday is dedicated to childhood and youth. At 7:45 of this day Dr. McCall will speak on "Youth's Demand for a New Earth."

On Tuesday, September 17th, there will be a fellowship meeting entitled "The Community of Churches," with greetings from ministers of sister churches, and an address by Dr. James L. Gordon of San Francisco.

On Sunday, September 20th, the Church will observe its Fiftieth Anniversary with two sermons by the pastor: "Jesus, the Same Yesterday . . . ." and in the evening, "The Past Is Carried With Us."

On Tuesday, September 22nd, there will be held a Church Dinner at the First Presbyterian Church, Dana and Channing, and an historical paper will be read by Dr. W. W. Ferrier. On Friday, September 25th, there will be held a meeting under the caption: "Religion's Allies Toward the New Day," with addresses by Dr. C. A. Kofoid, Dr. W. W. Campbell, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, and Mr. Chester H. Rowell.

On Sunday, September 27th, the closing day of this great series of dedicatory services, there will be the outlook for the future, under the title "Prospect," the sermon by Dr. McCall on "The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven," and in the evening a sermon by the former pastor, Dr. Raymond C. Brooks of Claremont.

Those in attendance at the services on the first Sunday were impressed with the fact that this new building is a fit temple for the worship of God Chaste and simple in its character worshipful in every particular, and resembling in large measure the meeting houses of the Pilgrims and Puritans, who were the forbears of our Congregational work. Congratulations go to the pastors and the Church officials in their great accomplishment and we all look to the time when the remaining units can be completed.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INTERESTS FOR THE FALL

Rally Day should be observed September 27th as a part of the Church Rally Week. During the week a survey of the parish might wisely be made to ascertain the names and addresses of prospective pupils for the new season. Efforts should be made to interest those of all ages who are not now enrolled in the school. Appropriate classes and courses of study should be provided and competent teachers secured. These courses should begin on October 4. If the school is not thoroughly graded plans should be made for grading to take effect as soon as possible. Rally Day supplies and books for study should be ordered in ample time for use with the beginning of the new season.

Missionary education is an integral part of a complete program of religious education. The World Service School plans which have been on trial for two years have proven most popular. About one third of the schools of the denomination are using them. They are used successfully in both large and small schools. The plans call for a missionary superintendent under whose supervision missionary programs are given at least once a month. Material for these programs is furnished without expense to all enrolled schools.

To secure efficiency in religious education, there must be trained leadership. Plans should be made early in the fall for a leadership training course for the Church School Council of officers and teachers. A training class for prospective teachers should be organized to meet at the Church School hour, beginning October 4th. The Pilgrim Teacher Training course should be the basis of study.

Some adequate study of and provision for its youth should engage the thought and energies of the church. The first step is that of knowing youth. The second is to know the church and community in their relation to youth. The plans of work and organization should grow out of this knowledge. Books of special value in this connection are: Stock's "Plans and Methods for Congregational Young People," Mudge's "Psychology of Early Adolescence," Harris' "The Intermediate Department," Thompson's "Handbook for Workers With Young People" and Richardson's "The Church at Play."

Secretary John C. Prince, 424 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, will be glad to advise with churches concerning these matters.

PILGRIM BOOK STORE

The Conference Educational office, under the direction of Secretary Prince, is to open a book store to be known as the Pilgrim Book Store. It will carry a stock of the latest and best books on the subjects of religion, philosophy, sociology, science, education, literature, history, church methods, missions and fiction. The store will secure for its customers any book which is published. Orders for books will be delivered postage paid. Subscriptions will be received for magazines and periodicals. All communications should be addressed to the Pilgrim Book Store, 424 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS

Probably not since the Boxer outbreak in 1900 has there been such a serious situation in China as that which has grown out of the Shanghai and Canton disturbances. The development of a strong national consciousness and a strong protest against the interference and control of other nations, particularly Great Britain and Japan, has forced the problem of unusual prominence. Last July fifth men and women, representatives of influential civic and religious bodies, met in New York to consider what might be done to secure and distribute accurate information concerning the Chinese situation and to enable the thousands who are becoming aroused all over the country profitably to discuss American policies in and toward China.

As one outcome of this meeting it was decided to hold a three day's conference for a full discussion of America's interest and responsibility in China, with the presence of authorities, (Chinese as well as Americans) on the facts and history of American-Chinese relations. This conference has been called to meet at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, September 17 to 20. A group of two hundred and fifty representatives of religious and civic organizations specially concerned with Chinese relations have been invited to attend this conference.

Secretary Hinman of the American Missionary Association will go in the interest of Chinese in the United States, who are such an influential factor in the development of the national policies of the Chinese Republic. Very few people understand the tremendous financial and moral support given by Chinese in America to the modern movements in China. Dr. Hinman's nine years in China, together with the years of contact with Chinese in America, have given him opportunities to know some special factors in the development of the Chinese Nationalist Movement. Secretary Hinman is to fill appointments in the East, reporting the progress of Oriental missions and the general Oriental situation between the time of this conference and the national Council.

BENEVOLENCES

July 1st-31st, 1925

Berkeley First	$643.45
Berkeley North	75.35
Cloverdale	35.00
Crockett	12.50
Eureka	28.97
Glen Ellen	60.00
Grass Valley	49.79
Lockeford	23.60
Martinez	78.96
Oakland First	519.30
Oakland Calvary	58.47
Oakland Grace	17.23
Oakland Plymouth	164.49
Oroville	93.48
Pacific Grove	35.10
Palermo	3.40
Palo Alto	200.00
Paradise	50.00
Petaluma	123.75
Pittsburg	26.24
Reno	119.66
Sacramento	126.53
San Francisco First	350.00
San Francisco Mission Park	50.00
San Francisco Bethany	100.00
San Jose	97.60
San Mateo	50.00
Santa Cruz	275.00
Santa Cruz	275.00
Santa Rosa First	18.05
Soquel	30.00
Stockton	600.00
Tulare	40.62
Woodside	10.50
Saratoga	268.41
Sonoma	18.75
	$4,454.20

Distribution

Congl. Women's Missionary Society	$ 36.11
Conference	346.85
Annuity Fund	37.98
Sunday School Extension Soc.	251.80
Congl. Minister's Relief Soc.	76.04
Pac. School of Religion	114.00
Church Building Soc.	209.03
Congl. Educational Society	228.03
Women's Board of Missions for the Pacific	590.89
American Missionary Association	494.08
Amer. Board of Com. for Foreign Missions	728.13
Cal. Home Missionary Society	1,341.26
	$4,454.20

BENEVOLENCES

August 1st-31st, 1925.

Alturas	$ 7.62
Antioch	43.00
Berkeley First	588.27
Berkeley Bethany	5.50
Campbell	250.00
Ceres	63.76
Cloverdale	25.00
Crockett	12.50
Fresno First	71.89
Kenwood	18.00
Lodi First	224.00
Oakland First	271.64
Oakland Fruitvale	22.00
Oakland Plymouth	56.41
Pacific Grove	24.15
Petaluma	103.70
Pittsburg	29.81
San Francisco First	350.00
San Mateo	71.45
Santa Rosa First	12.70
Waeverville	5.00
Woodside	10.50
Miscell	15.00
	$2,281.90

Distribution

Annuity Fund	$ 20.54
S. S. E. S.	64.83
C M. R. S.	41.08
Pac. School	61.62
C C. Bldg. Soc.	112.97
C. E. S.	123.24
A. N. A.	267.02
W. N. M. P.	267.02
A, B, C, F. M.	410.80
C. H. M. S.	708.62
Conference	181.60
C. W. M. S.	22.56
	$2,281.90

BENEVOLENCES

Comparative Figures 1924-1925

	1924	1925
Jan. 10th-31st	$ 425.75	$ 682.00
Feb. 1st-28th	2,568.46	2,904.24
March 1st-31st	2,923.42	3,532.70
April 1st-30th	4,846.11	4,036.67
May 1st-31st	3,914.69	3,982.85
June 1st 30th	2,934.67	2,955.40
July 1st-31st	4,664.36	4,454.20
August 1st-31st	2,764.07	2,281.90
Total	$25,041.53	$24,829.96

ORDINATION OF CHARLES D. BOYLES

Grace Church, Oakland, called a Council for Tuesday, August 25th, to ordain its pastor, Charles D. Boyles. Dr. George T. Tolson was elected the Moderator and Rev. Edwin T. Sherman the Scribe. Mr. Boyles read an interesting paper and replied to questions in a most direct appealing manner. The vote for ordination was wholly unanimous. A dinner was served to the guests by the ladies of the church and at the ordination services in the evening the following men spoke: Dr. H. F. Swartz, who preached the sermon, Prof. Buckham, Rev. W. J. Speers, Rev. E. T. Sherman, Rev. Harvey L. Miller and Superintendent Minchin. Mr. Boyles was serving the church as a student and on his graduation was called to full time service. Within the year the property has been greatly improved. Both church and pastor are now ready for a forward looking program.

There will always be an old and new theology—old learning and new learning—but the real test will be bringing men to God for their redemption.—Bishop William F. McDowell.

M. E. M. ALASKA CRUISE

The Missionary Education Movement has just completed a very pleasant and profitable cruise to Alaska, under the personal leadership of Dr. and Mrs. John Cobb Worley. The party consisted of 43 persons representing almost every denomination and from many walks of life. Dr. Worley says:

"Beautiful indeed were the tree-covered islands and the low-lying mountains of the mainland. Experienced fellow travelers united in saying that Norway has nothing that compares with the wonderful Lynn Canal, and all the glaciers of the Alps combined would not equal the one magnificent Llewellyn ice river.

"But while we enjoyed to the full these marvelous creations of God, our real purpose was to get a glimpse of the more wonderful transformations wrought by His Divine Hand in the hearts, lives and communities of His children of the north. For this purpose the movement employed that veteran missionary, Dr. S. Hall Young, to accompany us and to give by description and picture the history and background of the great development of Alaska and something of his long and varied experience of fifty-seven years in that land. At Wrangell we worshipped in the church he built in 1879. At Metlakatla we spend a half day among the Indians who were among the fiercest in America until William Duncan, the "Apostle to the Red Men," went among them at the risk of his life and by God's grace transformed them into as peaceful and law-abiding a community as can be found anywhere.

"At Haines we visited the Indian orphanage maintained by the Presbyterian Church, and at Sitka saw the Sheldon-Jackson training school with its 150 boys and girls, representing almost every tribe from the Eskimos of the north to the Tsinpsians. At many other places we came in personal contact with those who are giving their lives for the upbuilding of the Christian character of these people, and also with those who are living demonstrations of what the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ can do in human lives.

"It is as impossible not to be inspired by the sight of the transforming power of God's hand in these children of the north as by His mighty creation of snow-crowned peaks, thundering rivers and grinding glaciers. For this reason the Missionary Education Movement, in its effort to spread the knowledge of the transforming work of christian missions, is maintaining its travel service, the success of whcih is attested by the many who have traveled under its direction. Directly connected as it is with the boards of home and foreign missions of all denominations, it offers to christian people everywhere an opportunity of visiting the mission lands of the world, and realizing the dividends on their investments. Its slogan is an old Chinese proverb:

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BOULEVARD CHURCH SELLS ITS PROPERTY

With the rapid growth of east Oakland the Boulevard church has found it wise to move its location off the Boulevard and has located new lots at the corner of Mason and Walnut. They have sold their old lots for $23,000 with the privilege of moving their buildings to the new lots, which they will do within sixty days. With the coming of the new pastor, Rev. Charles H. Cleaves of Reno, Nevada, the church has taken on new life and shows a rapidly increasing attendance at both Sunday School and church services.

THIRD GERMAN CHURCH GETS JUDGMENT

(From Fresno paper)

Ending, so far as local courts are concerned, a controversy of more than two years, Superior Judge Charles R. Barnard yesterday gave judgment for the plaintiff in an action brought by the Third German Congregational Church against C. W. Wolter, its pastor and others.

By the decision of the court, Wolter, Conrad Scheidt, August Scheidt, J. George Scheidt, Carl Kruse, Gotfried Meikel and Carl Wagner are ousted from possession of the church property, and another group is placed in charge.

A controversy over the selection of a pastor arose some time ago and the church divided itself into two factions which could not reach an agreement. The matter was submitted to the ecclesiastical tribunals of the Congregational Church and later to an ex parte council in the Valley, the Third German Congregational Church, or plaintiff, being recognized as the true church.

Despite this decision, the defendants continued to retain possession of the church property, so a quiet title action was filed to have the defendants ousted from possession of the church.

Judge Barnard's decision places the church in the hands of William Reitz, J. P. Busick and Henry Dermer, as trustees, and Peter Reitz as clerk and George Miller as treasurer.

The suit was tried before Judge Barnard shortly after he assumed the superior bench and was hotly and vigorously prosecuted and defended. It is considered likely that an appeal will be taken. Loren A. Butts prepared the action for the plaintiffs and later Claude Rowe was associated with him. The defendants were represented by Everts, Ewing, Wild & Everts.

FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, December 6th, should be observed the 400th anniversary of the translation of the New Testament into English by William Tyndale. To this translation we owe more of the blessings and benefits of civilization throughout the world than to any other one thing in history. Upon this translation of the Christian scriptures is built modern democracy. In his youth Tyndale said to a learned man: "If God spares my life, ere many years I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost." This he accomplished and for the services rendered he was strangled and burned! But Greene, the historian, has declared that "England became the people of a book and that book was the Bible."

Sacramento—Our Church in Sacramento united with the Fremont Presbyterian Church in conducting a four weeks Daily Vacation Bible School. Each Church furnished its Pastor and some of its members for the faculty. A total of nearly 450 were enrolled. The Bishop of the Catholic Church loaned an old school building for the purpose and three well organized divisions of work were carried on simultaneously. Those who saw the school in operation were of the opinion that more real religious training was given than in a full year of normal Sunday School.

SANTA ROSA FIRST REOPENS

After several years of experiment with a federation, our First Church in Santa Rosa has decided to go by itself, beginning services October 1st.

During the past few years this church has been federated with the Southern Methodist Church , using that building. Their own building has been used by the public school authorities during the construction of a new high school. Within the past few months the church has been thoroughly overhauled and put in attractive shape for this reopening, except for the outside which they hope to have painted by October 1st.

The present plan is to have a week of services beginning Sunday, October 4th, very largely musical, under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon. There will be different speakers on Sunday and the week day nights, and it is hoped that a great many people will be attracted to the work through this ministry of music and this effort to re-establish our work in this city. It has long been felt that Santa Rosa should have a church such as the Congregational Church can furnish, and efforts are being made to secure a strong minister to undertake the pastorate at an early date.

During the period of this federation, the Church has kept its organization intact and it has kept its interest in benevolences, showing year by year an increase in giving. The Church has proven a real asset to us during this period. For a while we may find it necessary to help them, trusting that the Church will soon reach self-support.

Sacramento—On Sunday, April 19th the Church received 22 into membership. This makes a total of 31 since January 1st. Of this number 14 were on Confesson of Faith. A splendid choir of 25 voices is furnishing music. The director is Mr. Franz Dicks who was for many years Concert Master of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra and is now director of the Sacramento Municipal Symphony Orchestra and the Municipal Chorus.

During the winter the Sunday School basket ball team won second place in a league comprising eight of the leading churches of the city. The church is now in the midst of a campaign to increase their building resources.

PERSONALS

Rev. Walter B. Williams of Danielson, Conn., has been called to North church and accepts to begin his work October 1.

Rev. G. Southwell Brett closed his work at Antioch Sunday, August 30. He has recently spent a vacation in Oregon and Washington.

Rev. C. C. Champlin was unanimously called to Pittsburg at a meeting of that church held Sunday August 23rd. This will make his third pastorate in this church.

Word comes that since receipt of his letter Colby College has conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Friends in the church presented him with a pulpit and doctor's gown.

Rev. Edward A. Weage of Guerneville has resigned his church because of illness and will retire at once to live at Santa Barbara. He recently celebrated his forty-first year in the ministry.

We regret to record the death of Judge Thomas E. Haven. For many years he gave time and strength and professional wisdom to the service of this Conference. We extend sympathy to the family.

Rev. J. R. Wilkie of Park Church, Berkeley, was one of the summer preachers at Mt. Shasta city where the summer sessions of the Chico State Teachers' College held an annual gathering.

Rev. W. J. Johnson of Oroville sought rest and recuperation at Mt. Helena this summer instead of attending our Conference. He was in the office recently and hopes that he can grip the work with new energy.

Rev. Arthur B. Patten of Torrington, Connecticut, writes that his church received 109 new members June 7th; 79 of the number were on confession of faith. His church is now in the one thousand member class.

Rev. Noel J. Breed, of Hastings, Neb., formerly of Green St., Church, San Francisco, is now in Berkeley, having a Teaching Fellowship at the University. He is supplying the Richmond church temporarily and most acceptably.

Word comes of the death of Mrs. George H. DeKay, who passed away a few days after arriving here from Honolulu. She was brought home on account of illness, and was unconscious three days before arriving here. Mr. DeKay returns at once to the Islands that he may continue his work with the Anti-Saloon League.

NEWS FROM FILIPINO CHURCH SALINAS

The first Filipino Holy Communion Service was held Sunday, August the second, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church on Gablian Street. At this service some prominent American friends who were attending the Annual Conference of the Northern California Congregational Church at Asilomar came to attend. They were: Rev. Geo. W. Hinman, D.D., Secretary of the American Missionary Association on the Pacific Coast; Rev. W. B. Thorp, D.D., of Palo Alto, and Professor Hodgdon of the School of Religion, Berkeley. Dr. Thorp assisted Mr. P. F. Royola, the pastor, in ministering the elements and Dr. Hinman offered prayer.

Before the Communion Service was held a baby of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Ponce was baptized, and then the father and the mother.

The Board of Deacons examined and recommended four to join the church. These are Mr. Eduardo Ponce, Isabel de Ponce, Juan Agum and Januario Sampayan.

After the service the church committee met and discussed briefly with Dr. Hinman plans for the church support and organization.

VACATION GLEANINGS BY WILLIAM H. YOUNGMAN

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Day and son of Loomis, spent part of their vacation at Rohnerville, Humboldt County, the sight of his first pastorate. He drove by way of the Redwood Highway in his car. He will be back on his field September 1st.

Rev. W. D. Ogg of Eureka, back on his field after Conference, reports fine response in beginning the fall work. Of the twelve years of his pastorate there, he reports the present the most encouraging. During the past three years the church has spent over $8,000 in improvements and holds a commanding place in the community life.

The writer being on a flying trip, could only find indirectly of the work of Ferndale, where Mrs. Heath is pastor. She has a loyal group of people in her parish, and there also has been a considerable amount of money spent in improvements. It is a big country up there in Humboldt and it would seem there is a place for all our Congregational Churches.

Being the writer's first trip in the north country, he was greatly impressed and after one has driven over the highway, one is inclined not to be too critical concerning the expense of highway construction. Much of the road is carved out of the solid cliff—up hill and down dale, through wonderful redwoods and around curve after curve, some of which are so nearly a complete circle that if one reached out with his foot he could kick himself before he got clear around.

Rev. Isaac Cookman and Mrs. Cookman are completing their vacation. They have done a fine piece of constructive work at Sonoma in the past four years.

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Rathbone are spending a few weeks vacation on their ranch near Kenwood.

Mrs. Chakurian, until recently pastor's assistant at North Church, Berkeley, has moved to Eureka, where Miss Helen Chakurian has a position in the Eureka schools.

BOOKS RECEIVED

A Christian in the Countryside; by Ralph A. Felton. Pages: 134, price 50c net. The Methodist Book Concern, N. Y.

The East Window; by Halford E. Luccock. Pages, 219; price $1.50 The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

The Recent Foreign Policy of the United States; by George H. Blakeslee. Pages, 368; price $2.00. The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

The Son of a Savage; by R. C. Nicholson. Pages, 127; price 75c. The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

Evangelical Humanism; by Lynn Harold Hough. Price $1.50. The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

American Writers and Compilers of Sacred Music; by Frank J. Metcalf. Pages, 373; price $3.00. The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

Economic Liberalism; by Jacob H. Hollander. Pages, 197; price $1.50 The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

The Advantage of a Handicap; by M. S. Rice. Pages, 217; price $1.50 The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

The Crystal Pointers; by F. W. Boreham. Pages, 269; price $1.7 The Abingdon Press, N. Y.

The Psychology of Middle Adolescence; by Mary E. Moxey. Pages 192; price 60c. The Methodist Book Concern, The Caxton Press, N. Y.

Animal Tales of the Rockies; by Albert Benjamin Cunningham. Pages 122; price $1.00. The Abingdon Press N. Y.